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("JUNTA SHARES LIBYA POWER WITH AL-QADHDHAFI" BY ROBERT FISK,  
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(TEXT) A FIVE-MAN JUNTA OF MILITARY OFFICERS APPEARS TO BE GOVERNING LIBYA IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE AMERICAN AIR RAID -- A COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP WHICH INCLUDES COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI AS THE NATION'S NOMINAL LEADER BUT WHICH HAS DIVESTED HIM OF HIS EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE LIBYAN ARMY AND THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES ARE BELIEVED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WHICH COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI NOW PERFORMS THE TASKS OF A FIGUREHEAD RATHER THAN THE SOLE POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADER

SINCE THE AIR RAIDS, COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI HAS NOT APPEARED EITHER AT PUBLIC RALLIES OR AT PRESS "CONFERENCES. MAJOR 'ABD AL-SALAM JALLUD, HIS DEPUTY, PRESENTED LIBYA'S FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE RAIDS AT A MEETING WITH FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS LAST WEEK, COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI'S OLD FRIEND, COMMANDANT AL-KHUWAYLIDI AL-HUMAYDI THE DEPUTY CHIEF-OF-STAFF -- RATHER THAN COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI HIMSELF -- REPRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT AT A MASS FUNERAL OF CIVILIAN AIR RAID VICTIMS

BOTH MAJOR JALLUD AND COMMANDANT AL-HUMAYDI ARE SAID TO BE MEMBERS OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP, TOGETHER WITH MUSTAFA AL-KHARRUBI, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND ABU BOKE, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY.

COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI IS STILL OFFICIALLY REFERRED TO AS "THE LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION", BUT HIS ONLY PUBLIC ADDRESS TO LIBYANS CAME ALMOST TWO DAYS AFTER THE RAID -- ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT -- WHEN HE GAVE A RAMBLING, 20-MINUTE TELEVISION DISCOURSE OF THE ALLEGEDLY AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS

SIGNIFICANTLY -- AND PATHETICALLY -- THE ONLY DIRECT ACCESS THE AL-QADHDHAFI FAMILY HAS HAD TO THE FOREIGN PRESS CAME ON MONDAY NIGHT WHEN THE COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI'S WIFE SAFIA, IN A MOOD OF DEEP

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PERSONAL DISTRESS OVER THE DEATH OF HER ADOPTED DAUGHTER, SUMMONED  
JOURNALISTS TO THE RUINS OF THE FAMILY HOME TO CALL FOR THE  
"LIQUIDATION" OF MRS THATCHER AND PRESIDENT REAGAN

SITTING THERE IN A LONG BNACK ARAB ROBE, HER HAND RESTING ON A  
CRUTCH, SHE LOOKED MORE LIKE AN AVENGING LADY MACBETH THAN THE WIFE  
OF A REVOLUTIONARY LEADER

IT WOULD BE WRONG TO ASSUME THAT COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI'S PERSONAL  
POWER HAS BEEN BROKEN. IN LIBYA HE IS SEEN AS A DESERT, TRIBAL MAN,  
AND HOWEVER UNPOPULAR HE IS AMONG HIS REGULAR ARMY OFFICER CORPS AND  
AMONG THE MIDDLE CLASSES, HIS PERSONAL STATURE APPEARS TO HAVE  
INCREASED AMONG LIBYANS

THE FORMATION OF A NEW COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP -- WHICH IN ANY CASE  
ONLY REFLECTS THE "PEOPLE'S POWER" IN WHICH COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI HAS  
ALWAYS PROFESSED TO BELIEVE -- MAY WELL HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT  
THE POSSIBILITY OF A COUP D'ETAT

A SHIFT IN GOVERNMENTAL POWER COULD CERTAINLY HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR  
THE BRIEF GUN BATTLE FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WITNESSED OUTSIDE COLONEL  
AL-QADHDHAFI'S HEADQUARTERS AT THE BAB AL-AZAZIYA BARRACKS

RATHER THAN AN ATTEMPT TO OPPOSE COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI, IT NOW  
SEEMS LIKELY THAT THIS WAS A CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO PRO AL-QADHDHAFI'S  
CADRES IN A TEMPORARY POWER VACUUM THAT EXISTED BEFORE HE RE-  
ESTABLISHED CONFIDENCE BY APPEARING ON NATIONAL TELEVISION

BUT IT IS MAJOR JALLUD, HIS DEPUTY, WHO HAS DOMINATED THE  
NATIONAL TELEVISION SCREENS EVER SINCE APPEARING ON THREE SUCCESSIVE  
NIGHTS IN A REBROADCASTING OF HIS FRIDAY NIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE.  
MAJOR JALLUD WAS ALWAYS REGARDED AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO COLONEL  
AL-QADHDHAFI -- ALTHOUGH HE HAS ALWAYS DENIED THIS -- AND HIS  
CONSTANT REAPPEARANCE HAS DONE NOTHING TO DISPEL THE SUGGGSTION THAT  
HE COULD YET BECOME THE SUCCESSOR

IN A NATKON WHICH MEETS AT LEAST TWO OF THE BASIC CRITERIA OF A  
POLICE STATE -- THAT NOTHING UNOFFICIAL EVER HAPPENS THERE, AND THAT  
ANYTHING OFFICIAL IS INTRINSICALLY BORING -- THE EVENTS OF THE PAST

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WEEK HAVE BEEN AMONG THE MOST TRAUMATIC IN LIBYA'S RECENT HISTORY

SUPPOSITION AND RUMOUR BREED IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE, BUT THE  
CREATION OF THE NEW FIVE-MAN JUNTA IS AMONG THE MORE POSITIVE  
DEVELOPMENTS TO HAVE FOLLOWED THE AMERICAN AIR STRIKE

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